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LETTER DATED 1 SEPTEMBER 1999 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have been instructed by my Government to inform you of the ever more frequent practice of the United Nations Interim Administrative Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) of seizing the public and State property of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Serbia. Seizing automobiles, funds and buildings, UNMIK is in breach of its function and in violation of general and international law, as well as of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999, which specifies its mandate, rights and obligations in very clear and precise terms. The attitude of UNMIK constitutes an illegal, arbitrary and unacceptable usurpation of other persons' assets and a violation of the basic norms of the status of State property and its inviolability.

Bearing that in mind, the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia demands the restitution of the illegally seized property and its return to the legal owner and calls upon the Security Council to instruct UNMIK not to abuse its function in the future and to abide by its mandate, as provided for by Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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